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Hefley effort to undo order on gay rights likely to fail

Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Democratic and Republican lawmakers predicted Tuesday that the House will reject legislation that would nullify President Clinton's order barring federal agencies from discriminating against people based on sexual orientation.

The House is scheduled to vote on the issue this week when Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., offers it as an amendment to a $28 billion appropriations bill funding different government agencies.

"I think we will defeat Hefley," said Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., the only openly gay House Republican and a critic of the measure, "but I never take these things for granted."

Republican leaders, concerned that their party could be perceived as anti-gay, had hoped to focus the debate on presidential powers. To that end, the GOP House leadership had combined Hefley's proposal with legislation to nullify another executive order expanding federal jurisdiction at the expense of state and local governments.

However, President Clinton last week rescinded the executive order dealing with federalism, thus blunting the Republican move to convert the gay-discrimination debate into a dry discourse on constitutional powers.

Clinton's May executive order added "sexual orientation" to a 1969 executive order by President Richard Richard Nixon, which bars federal agencies from discriminating based on race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or age.

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Secrets mig

Cox News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army r program for visiting foreign milit with such slipshod procedures th governments got access to Amer tary secrets, newly released Dep Defense documents reveal.

"This situation poses a signifi the Army's current and future co bility," the Army's deputy chief o intelligence wrote last year to the inspector general. The terse mem Maj. Gen. Claudia Kennedy is am critical reports obtained by Cox under the Freedom of Informatio

The memo — three lines of w blacked out by Pentagon officials there had not been "full compliar Army regulations on disclosure o tion and transfer of technology t nationals.

In addition, the program's lac guards was cited by the Army in report to Congress on the milita serious "material weaknesses."

Air Force/ Reservists welcome changes

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in the Springs but flies out of Delaware, welcomed the Air Force's announcement. Herlik, major, said he sometimes gets short notice to fly transport missions or the missions are changed within days of leaving, raising havoc with an inventions business he runs.

"I have a little company to look after. I can't just disappear without any warning," he said.

John Turnage, a Springs-based captain who flies transport planes out of Seattle, plans to leave the Reserves shortly because of the uncertainty.

Turnage said the pilot shortage and associated strain has